

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 3:07-CR-00211-MR-DCK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTORIA L. SPROUSE,

Defendant.

ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court by the request of the Clerk of Court to exonerate the Defendant's Appearance Bonds [Docs. 14, 232, 233, 238], as well as a Note and a Deed of Trust on file with the Clerk.

The Defendant was placed on pretrial release on November 26, 2007 upon executing an unsecured Appearance Bond in the amount of \$100,000. [Doc. 14]. Following the return of the jury's verdict on April 1, 2009, the Court ordered the Defendant to be released pending sentencing upon execution of a secured Appearance Bond in the amount of \$100,000. [Doc. 232].¹ To secure this bond, the Defendant submitted a second Appearance Bond

¹ A duplicate of this Appearance Bond appears on the docket as Document 233.

signed by herself and two sureties [Doc. 238], along with a Note and Deed of Trust [Receipt 44683].

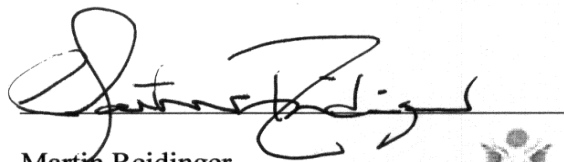
On April 15, 2014, the Court sentenced the Defendant to a term of 78 months' imprisonment. [Doc. 479]. Thereafter, the Defendant appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. [Docs. 485, 487]. On April 20, 2016, the Fourth Circuit remanded the case to this Court for further consideration in light of Luis v. United States, 136 S.Ct. 1083 (2016). [Doc. 516]. While this matter was pending, the parties submitted a Plea Agreement pursuant to which the Defendant agreed to dismiss her pending appeal. [Doc. 522]. The Court accepted the Defendant's guilty plea and resentenced her on June 23, 2016 to a term of 30 months' imprisonment. [Doc. 526]. The Defendant was immediately remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal and transferred back to the Bureau of Prisons for the completion of her sentence. [Doc. 513].

In light of these events, there is no further liability on the Defendant's bonds. Accordingly, the Clerk requests the exoneration of all Appearance Bonds entered in this case, as well as the Note and Deed of Trust on file with the Clerk. Upon consideration of the Clerk's request, and for cause shown, the Court hereby enters the following order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Defendant's Appearance Bonds [Docs. 14, 232, 233, 238], as well as the Note and Deed of Trust on file with the Clerk [Receipt 44683] are hereby exonerated. The Clerk of Court shall write across the face of each of the original Appearance Bonds that each has been exonerated, shall scan such writing into the record, and shall return the original Appearance Bonds, as well as the Note and Deed of Trust and a copy of this Order, to the Defendant's counsel. The Clerk shall also provide a copy of this Order to the Defendant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 2, 2016


Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

